

ALEXANDER TURNERY STEWART.

THE STORY OF A HUNDRED MILLIONS.

In the May number of the *POPULAR MONTHLY* we presented to our readers a sketch of the life of Cornelius Vanderbilt, and in commenting upon the character and experience of the "great Railroad King," took occasion to be philosophical. We reasoned, briefly, that the life of such a man as Vanderbilt could not justly be taken as an incentive to exertion, or an encouragement to ambition on the part of the majority of young men. We disputed, in fact, the currently accepted theory that

"Lives of great men
all remind us
We can make our lives
sublime,"

reasoning that the great man or the successful man was the result of favorable combinations and adventitious circumstances, as well as of his own exertions.

The course of reasoning which answered for the life of Commodore Vanderbilt—who may still have many years of vigorous life before him—is equally opportune in the

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case of Alexander T. Stewart, whose recent death the entire American press have had occasion to notice, accompanied by a variety of eulogistic comments.

As one of the three wealthiest men of the United States—Vanderbilt and Astor being the other two—Mr. Stewart was a man who had reached high consideration through labor and through success. It is appropriate, after his death, that the story of his life should be fully told, and its lesson, if there be any, promulgated for the benefit of his fellow-creatures.

Alexander Turney Stewart is believed to have been born in Belfast, Ireland, about 1802, of Scotch-Irish parentage. There is very little known concerning his early life. Mr. Stewart's marked aversion to submit to interrogatories concerning himself having been a prominent quality in his character, and the fact that he had no relatives whatsoever in the latter years of his life precluded the obtaining



MR. STEWART INSTRUCTING ONE OF HIS CLERKS NEVER TO MISREPRESENT THE QUALITY OF GOODS TO A CUSTOMER.—FROM A SKETCH BY A CLERK IN HIS ESTABLISHMENT.
(The only characteristic portrait ever made of Mr. Stewart.)

